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Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 281 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in which it decided to adopt, on a regular basis, a biennial cycle of meetings,

Recalling also its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, in which it invited the Committee on Conferences to review the provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the Economic and Social Council and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 66/233 of 24 December 2011, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose, at its sixty-seventh session, a comprehensive review of conference servicing highlighting any duplications and redundancies, with a view to identifying innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-saving measures, without compromising the quality of its services,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 71/262 of 23 December 2016, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the need to address the issue of duplications and redundancies in conference servicing and noted that the Council had decided, in its resolution 2013/13 of 22 July 2013, to consider at a later date the necessity of reviewing its provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the light of the ongoing intergovernmental consultations on the further strengthening of the Council,

Recalling also its resolution 2017/27 of 25 July 2017, in which it requested the Secretariat to propose to the Bureau of the Council at its 2018 session a streamlined list of bodies whose conferences and meetings should be included in future

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provisional calendars of conferences to be considered by the Council starting at its 2019 session,

Taking into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 72/xxx of xx July 2018 pertaining to the cycle of work of the Council, and noting the request to the Secretariat to consider the need to adjust the calendar of meetings of Council subsidiary bodies in the light of agreed changes to the structure and timing of its meetings and to make recommendations for its consideration, as appropriate,

1. *Decides* to approve the streamlined list of bodies, annexed to the present resolution, whose conferences and meetings should be included in future provisional calendars of conferences to be considered by the Council starting at its 2019 session, to be updated, as necessary, by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Council in the light of relevant decisions on the working arrangements of the Council to be adopted by the Council or the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* its subsidiary bodies to organize the dates of their sessions to allow for the timely issuance of their reports, recommendations and input prior to the relevant segments and meetings of the Council, bearing in mind the July-to-July cycle of the Council and the relevant rules and practices relating to advance availability of documentation.

Annex

Streamlined list of bodies with mandates in the economic, social and related fields, to be included in provisional calendars of conferences and meetings before the Economic and Social Council

Economic and Social Council

Council forum, segment or meeting[1]	*Meeting venue*[2]
Management meetings	New York
Development Cooperation Forum (biennial)	New York
Formal/informal meetings	New York
Forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	New York
High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council	New York
High-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council	New York
Humanitarian affairs segment	Geneva/New York
Integration segment	New York
Multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	New York
Operational activities for development segment	New York
Organizational session	New York
Partnership forum	New York
Special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on international cooperation in tax matters	New York
Youth Forum	New York

[1] The list of Council forums, segments and meetings will be updated, as necessary, in the light of the outcome of the review of the arrangements contained in General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant decisions on the working arrangements of the Council to be adopted by the Council or the General Assembly.

[2] Meeting venues reflect each body's regular meeting location; some bodies may alternate between locations or take ad hoc decisions to hold meetings elsewhere.

Subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

Functional commissions and their respective subsidiary bodies

Functional commission	*Meeting venue*[2]
Commission for Social Development	New York
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Vienna
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	Vienna and capital cities in each region
Commission on Population and Development	New York
Commission on Science and Technology for Development	Geneva
Commission on the Status of Women	New York
Statistical Commission	New York
United Nations Forum on Forests	New York

Regional commissions

Regional commission	*Meeting venue*[2]
Economic Commission for Africa	Addis Ababa
Economic Commission for Europe	Geneva
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Santiago
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Beirut

Standing committees

Standing committee	*Meeting venue*[2]
Committee for Programme and Coordination	New York
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	New York

Expert bodies composed of governmental experts

Expert body composed of governmental experts	*Meeting venue*[2]
Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management	New York
Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, its Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, and its Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	Geneva

Expert body composed of governmental experts	*Meeting venue*[1]
Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting	Geneva
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names	New York

Expert bodies composed of members serving in their personal capacity

Expert body composed of members serving in their personal capacity	*Meeting venue*[2]
Committee for Development Policy	New York
Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	Geneva/ New York[2]
Committee of Experts on Public Administration	New York
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Geneva
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	New York

Related bodies

Related body	*Meeting venue*[2]
International Narcotics Control Board	Vienna
United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination	Geneva/ New York[2]

Subsidiary and related bodies of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields

Subsidiary body of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields or related body	*Meeting venue*[2]
Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Geneva
Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund	New York
Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services	New York
Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)	New York
Executive Board of the World Food Programme	Rome
Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Geneva
Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	Nairobi
High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation	New York

Subsidiary body of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields or related body	*Meeting venue*[2]
High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development	New York
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	Geneva
United Nations Environment Assembly	Nairobi

Human Rights Council subsidiary or related body	*Meeting venue*[2]
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	Geneva
Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Geneva